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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY  
WITH SPECIFICATION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Drawings** – A clean copy of the drawing as originally filed (FIG. 1) is enclosed after page 4.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.